

Greater ability to properly service land basis of annexation bid: Lynn

by Murray Moore
Midland is basing its annexation bid of Tiny Township land immediately west of Midland and south of Penetanguishene on the proposition that Midland is better able to service the area in question than is Tiny Township.

Mayor Moreland Lynn of Midland stressed the need for proper planning in the area. Building permits have been issued that will allow the Highway 27 mall to expand by 190,000 square feet from its present 90,000 square

feet. The potential existed before the recent development freeze by the Ministry of Housing for building on 500,000 more square feet. Development of this 500,000 square feet without proper planning would be disastrous, Mayor Lynn said.

Tiny Township does not provide the level of fire protection, police protection, co-ordinated road servicing, or sewage treatment that Midland can in its urbanized section of the township, Mayor Lynn said yesterday morning.

The only formal restriction on building in the township is the necessity of satisfying the building permit standards, he said.

If the annexation bid is successful, Midland will inherit the area plan's recommendations for the land and produce a new subset of plans to control development there.

In 1964 Midland applied to annex land west of Midland and south of Midland. It dropped its full application, Mayor Lynn said, when it seemed possible that the Ontario Municipal Board might decide Midland could have the land either to the south, or the land to the west. Midland settled for the land south of Little Lake Park at that time.

Councillor Joe Blake, present at yesterday's conference, said that annexation was better now than later before more septic tanks were

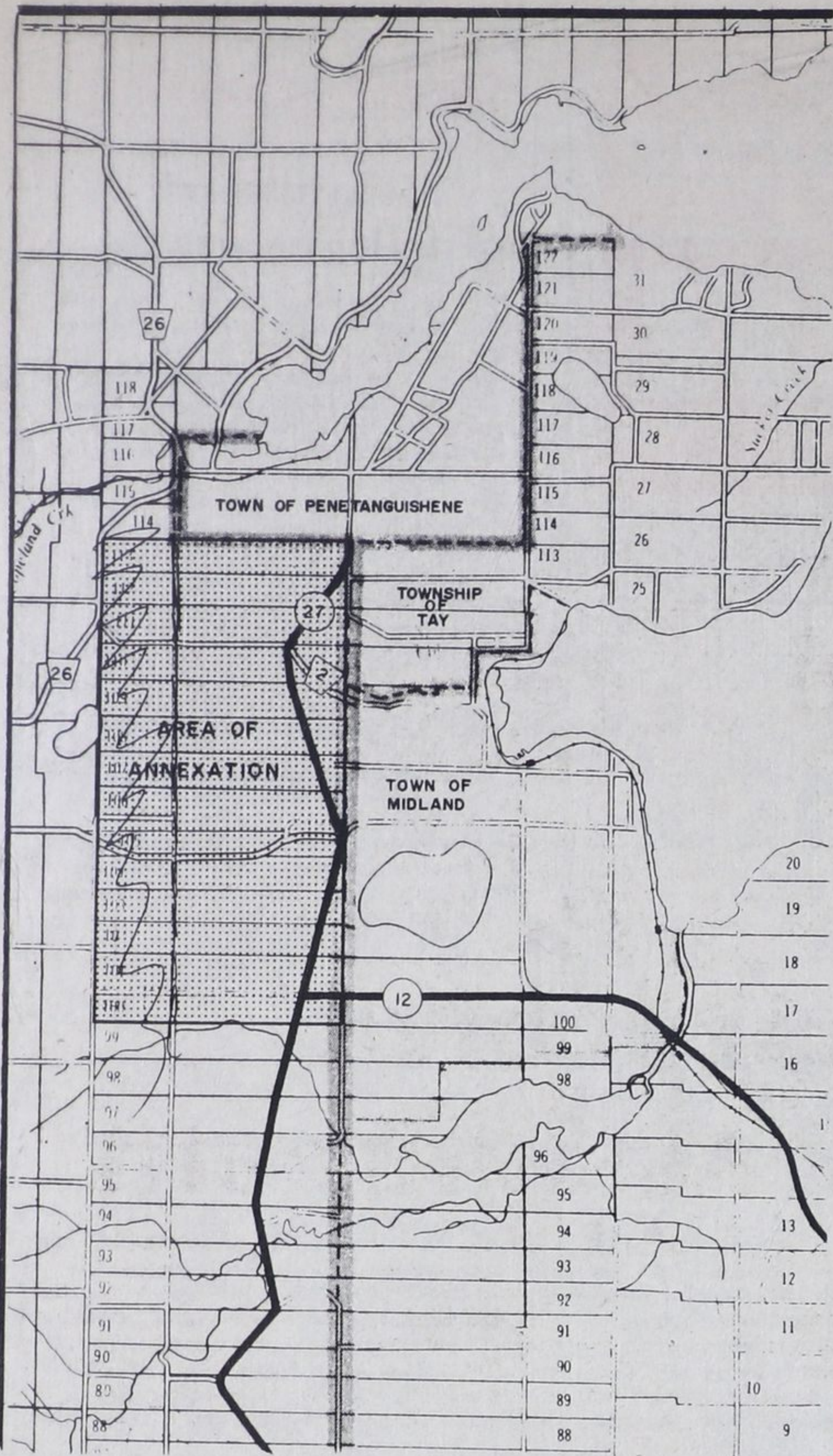
put in the ground in that section of Tiny Township.

Midland has a new sewage treatment plant that can handle the sewage produced by 25,000 people, twice its present population.

The expansion of the Highway 27 mall, scheduled to start this spring, would not be affected by a successful annexation because the building permits have already been issued, the press was told. The expanded mall will be

equal in floor area to the downtown Midland business district. Consideration of an annexation bid was made before the announcement was made of the mall's expansion, Mayor Lynn said.

Mayor Lynn said the annexation has not been discussed with the Minister of Housing. His telephone call yesterday morning to Mayor Ron Bellisle was Bellisle's first notification that Midland was making a bid this year, he said.



Dotted area Midland's objective

The map illustrating the area of Tiny Township sought by Midland distributed yesterday at the press conference held to announce Midland's annexation bid was incorrect. Only the dotted area directly below Penetanguishene's southern

boundary is included in Midland's plan to expand. Included in the area is the medieval theme park proposed by Castle Village Gift Shop owner Paul Desroches, the Highway 27 mall, and Mountain View Ski Hill.

Desroches re-elected Centre President

Roland Desroches was re-elected President of the Centre d'Activites Francaises at the Centre's annual meeting last week.



The other members of the executive are Adrien Lamoureux, vice-president, Denis LeVert, treasurer, and Rosita Desroches, secretary.

President Desroches said this year's program would be the same as last year, with an emphasis on increasing the number of people who participate, in the centre's programs.

Festival starts tomorrow

The 26th Annual Georgian Bay Drama Festival will be held this weekend at Midland Secondary School Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. each night with admission set at \$2 a person for one night's performance or \$5 for three nights.

There will be no advance sales of tickets, all tickets being sold at the door.

Adjudicator for the festival will be Myra Friedlander with adjudications after every

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